

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-16, 18, and 21-24 are pending. Claims 13, 17, 19, and 20 are cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e), and claims 3-5, 8, and 10-16 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). Applicant appreciates the interview to clarify the rejections with respect to the claims and the claims although no agreement was reached. Applicant respectfully amended the claims per our discussions during the interview.

Applicant requests interview

Applicant respectfully requests further interviews to the extent they will expedite disposition of the application. The undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference with Examiner at (512) 243-5936.

CONCLUSION

In light of the accompanying remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn, pending claims be allowed, and application advance toward issuance.

No fee is believed due with this paper. However, if any fee is determined to be required, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 090447 for any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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